

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 30, 2013

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, December 30, 2013 with Commissioner Ken Masters presiding in the absence of Bruce Levi. Commissioner Mark Bacon, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney were in attendance.

Commissioner Ken Masters called the meeting to order. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 16th as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Auditor Mary Ann Beard asked that the board address claims and payroll so that her staff could begin processing upon their approval due to the short work week. Mark Bacon moved to approve the claims of December 11 through December 30th. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Payroll was then approved on a motion by Mark Bacon with Ken Masters seconding the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent presented a comprehensive job description for his department. Mark Bacon moved to approve the document. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The personnel committee met recently to review the policy related to take home work. The decision of the committee was to recommend an amendment to disallow such assignments. Mark Bacon moved to approve the ordinance to amend the personnel policy. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

EMA director Chuck Kemker reported 5-6inches of rain in Rush County. Kemker stated that there were fifty roads flooded with 12 requests for sand bags. It is now known that the levee needs to be sand bagged when the river crests at 19 feet.

AREA PLAN

Kevin Tolloty, APC Director presented a contract for the Area Plan Consultant, Dave Rogier & Associates for 2014. Mark Bacon moved to sign the contract. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE CONTRACTS

The following ambulance contracts were signed for 2014: Rush Memorial Hospital motion by Mark Bacon seconded by Ken Masters; Raleigh Fire Department, Inc. motion by Mark Bacon seconded by Ken Masters; Carthage Volunteer Fire Department of Rush County, Inc. motion by Mark Bacon seconded by Ken Masters; and Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department motion by Mark Bacon seconded by Ken Masters. At this time a letter was read addressing the Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department serving notice that effective January 1, 2014 the Board of Commissioners was exercising its option to serve ninety (90) days written notice to terminate their existing contract. The Commissioners will make final determination at the regular scheduled meeting on March 24, 2014. Bill Ward offered the comment that the workforce has changed and the manpower is not available in the Milroy area. Mark Bacon moved to sign the letter. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JANITORIAL CONTRACT

The 2014 contract for janitorial services with Gilliam Janitorial Services was signed on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters. Lawn care services have been removed from the contract and a liability clause added. A motion to sign the contract was made by Mark Bacon with Ken Masters offering the second. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported 41 inmates. The newly hired deputy, Randy Meek will begin on January 4th. Meek has attended the academy and is road-ready.

JUSTIN KERR

A claim against the county to Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed by Justin Kerr has been dismissed.

AUDITOR

- Annual Tax Abatement report was distributed.

Motion to adjourn was received from Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor